CARRIED THE BELL FROM
THE PETERSEN HOUSE

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The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

Carried Lincoln's Body from the Petersen House

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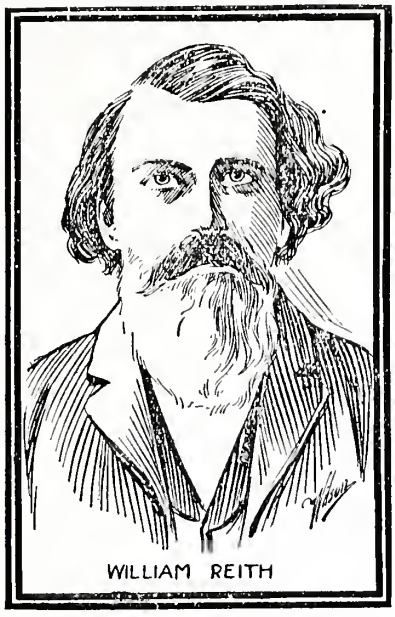
At nine ~~o'clock~~ a.m. William Keith John C. Wesson, Eli Money, David Frantz, John Richardson, and Antonio Bregazzi, ~~were~~ detailed by Sergeant David Rucker, Quartermaster to report to the Peterson House placed the body of the President in a temporary coffin wrapped it with the American flag, and carried it to the hearse which conveyed the body to the White House

ONLY TWO NOW LIVING.

Men Who Carried the Body of Lincoln to the White House.

Of those six men who were detailed to carry the body of President Lincoln from the Peterson house on Tenth street, where he died, to the White House, where the body was prepared for burial, there are to-day but two survivors. These are John C. Weaver of Philadelphia and William Reith of this city.



Mr. Weaver, in a recent letter recites his part in the duty devolving upon him. Among other things he said:

"It has always been a source of pride to me to know that I was one of the six men detailed to carry the body of our martyred President to the White House.

"I was a soldier in the quartermaster's department at that time, when detailed to assist in carrying the body of Lincoln from the Peterson house on Tenth street, opposite Ford's theater, to the White House.

"Arriving at the White House, we carried him to his bedchamber, where his body was given in charge to Government Undertaker Sands.

"No one seemed to be as grief stricken as Secretary of War Stanton, for he was the most grief-stricken man I ever saw. Since then I have often thought that it was no wonder that Stanton's death occurred so soon after Lincoln's.

"It was not only my fortune to be honored as one of the detail to carry Lincoln's dead body to the White House, but I am one of the survivors of the 'first defenders of Pennsylvania,' who arrived in Washington on the evening of April 18, 1861."—Washington Times.

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